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MARRIED SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER FIFTH

Miss Vinnie Booth and Mr. Wade Frost—Ceremony Performed by Rev. J. W. Priest at the Home of the Bride on Euclid Ave.

One of the most beautiful as well as impressive weddings of the season was observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Booth on Euclid avenue last Saturday, when their daughter, Vinnie, was united in marriage to Rev. Wade S. Frost of Tecumseh.

The guests numbered about twenty and were received at the door by Miss Booth and Mr. Frost at ten o'clock. A half hour later, attended by Miss Eleanor Bittner as bridesmaid and Mr. Albert Esselstyn as best man, they took their places, as Miss Mary Sharp played the wedding march.

The simple though beautiful ring service was used. Rev. J. W. Priest of the Baptist church performed the ceremony, following which punch and bride's cake were served the guests.

The bride was gowned in white batiste and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The rooms were banked with golden-rod and golden glow blossoms which made a most harmonious background.

The bride is a graduate of Alma High school and Alma College with the class of 1912 and has a wide circle of friends. The groom is also a graduate of the college, being a member of the 1913 class. Since graduation he has occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at Carson City.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Frost left for Carson City. Later they will go to Chicago where Mr. Frost will begin a three-years' course at McCormick Theological seminary. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

VOUGHT-TRIERWEILER

Nuptials Celebrated at St. John's Church

TUESDAY MORNING AT 6:45

Will Make their Home at Portland—Bride Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Vought.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the Episcopal church Tuesday morning at 6:45 a. m., when Miss Alma Lillian Vought was united in marriage to Mr. Peter Trieweller of Portland, Michigan, by Rev. J. Frank Jackson.

Miss Ella Bittner was at the organ as the bride pair approached the altar, the bride being attended by Miss Laura Crandell of the city and the groom by Sam Matthews of Portland. The ring service was used, after which Miss Wilma Demuth sang, "A Perfect Day."

The bride, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Vought, is a graduate of Alma High school and Ypsilanti Normal. Following graduation she taught music and drawing in the Williamston, Michigan schools for two years, and for one year in the schools at Portland. Mrs. Trieweller has many friends in this city who admire her for her many womanly virtues and wish her and her husband a long and happy wedded life.

The groom is money order clerk in the Portland postoffice and is highly regarded in his home city.

After the ceremony the bridal party left for Detroit, Buffalo and Niagara Falls. They will make their home in Portland.

GOES TO CHICAGO

Next Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Montague start for Chicago where Monday Mr. Montague will attend a meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland. Tuesday and Wednesday the Scottish Rites and Thursday a banquet tendered by the 88th degree Masons of Chicago. Following the few days spent in Chicago Mr. and Mrs. Montague will go to Watertown, Wisconsin, where they will visit friends and relatives, returning to Alma early in the week following.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning service, 10 o'clock. Sermon, "The Church Militant." Sunday School, 11:30 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. Meeting, 6:30 o'clock. Topic, "Christian Culture." Led by the Entertainment committee.

Evening service at 7:30. Sermon, "The Way to Heaven." Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30. All are cordially invited to these services.

J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot avenue.

R. F. D. CARRIERS MEET.

Gratiot County R. F. D. mail carriers to the number of sixteen enjoyed their regular meeting in this city last Monday. Routine business was transacted and the carriers from various parts of the county were entertained at dinner by the Alma carriers. The association officers are George Kuhn, Ashley, President; H. A. Becker, Alton, Secretary; A. L. Wight, Ithaca, Treasurer.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Next Sunday the pastor will preach both morning and evening. Sermon themes:

10 A. M.—"Strength and Beauty." 7:30 P. M.—"Ashamed of the Gospel."

All are cordially invited to share in the work and worship of the church. The Sabbath School convenes at 12 o'clock. Mr. Frank McConkey, Superintendent. All men are especially invited to attend the Men's Bible class, Prof. A. P. Cook, teacher.

Y. P. S. C. E., 6:40 p. m.

All young people are invited.

The East End Sunday school will meet at 2:30 p. m. Prof. F. N. Noteston, superintendent. All residents of "The Heights" are earnestly requested to co-operate in a support of this school.

The Arcadia Union Sunday school will meet in Grange Hall at 2:30 p. m. standard. Mr. Ray Beshgetoor, acting superintendent. All are very cordially invited.

CAR LOAD OF HOGS.

Clarence Wheeler loaded a carload of hogs the first of the week, 54 of which weighed 16,450 pounds and brought Mr. Wheeler the neat sum of \$1,440.38. It pays to raise hogs.

Mrs. Jack Miller was in Mt. Pleasant on business Friday.

CAMPED AT LAKE ORION

Well Known Alma Young People Enjoy Summer Outing.

Arnold Robinson of Alma, Walter Vogt of Adrian, Ralph Chisholm of Breckenridge, Miss Lois May of Stockbridge, Miss Bernice Ireland of Grand Ledge, and Miss Margaret Duncanson of Cass City, "broke camp" Friday at Oakland cottage, on Lake Orion, the pleasant Detroit summer resort. Dancing, tennis, swimming and boating served to help pass the time away during their week's stay. They were visited by Alger Wood and Will Ewing a short time Friday and also met many of their old acquaintances while there. Miss May will teach in Haslett this year, Miss Duncanson in Flint, Mr. Vogt in Charlevoix and the rest of the party will continue their work in Alma College.

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Secured to Succeed T. A. Fannell at Alma College

The departure of Mr. T. A. Fannell was a cause of genuine regret to music lovers both at the college and in the city, and it has been difficult for the college authorities to fill the position which he occupied. They have, however, in Mr. Hugh C. Dickerson, of Chicago, secured a man of exceptional ability.

Following five years preparatory work in Houghton, Kansas, Mr. Dickerson entered the American Conservatory of Music at Chicago, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Music after three years' study. He will be instructor in theoretical music and assistant in voice culture and piano. He has written a good deal, having several fine compositions to his credit. He is a bass baritone and was for some time soloist in the First Presbyterian church of Chicago. He will take charge of one of the church choirs in this city.



Michigan State Masonic Home Hospital to be built in Alma during the fall of 1914—E. M. Wood architect. For description of same see Alma Record of September 3

BUILDING TO BE RAZED

Brock Heater Building Purchased by James Redman

The old Brock building situated on the west side of Church park opposite the Union school building, has been purchased by James Redman and will be torn down. The timber will be used in his new wholesale produce building on Michigan avenue. The consideration was \$375. Since Mr. Brock removed his supply of heaters the building has not been used for any purpose other than storage.

COUNTY CONVENTION

National Progressives Held in Alma Tuesday Afternoon

The Gratiot County Progressive delegates met at the city hall, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with sixteen delegates present. A meeting had been held at 10 o'clock in the morning with Otto Sanderhoff in the chair and George Young as secretary. After a resolution and credential committees had been appointed the convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

The credential committee composed of J. P. Losey, Dr. Thornburg and George Latimer passed on the credentials of the assembled delegates. The resolution committee composed of G. S. Young, George Irish and Charles Kerr of Ashley, presented reports and extracts from state committee reports.

The following delegates to the state Progressive convention to be held in Bay City, September 30th were elected: Otto Sanderhoff, Alma, chairman; C. C. Gerber, Arcadia; Ely Wolfe, Arcadia; Otto Hawley, Arcadia; Chas. Kerr, Ashley; C. I. Davies, Breckenridge; John Hatfield, Elba; E. M. Wood, Alma; Fred Robbins, Ithaca.

SURPRISED BY FRIENDS

Miss Marie Banghart Victim of Birthday Surprise Party

Miss Marie Banghart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Banghart, was tendered a surprise party Friday evening. About twenty boys and girls from the High school and the Junior High, arrived at her home on Gratiot avenue shortly after seven Friday evening and not a minute was spent that was not enjoyed by all. Excellent music was furnished by the hostess and by several of the guests and dancing was a part of the program. Various other amusements which have not lost their interest during the past few generations, were also enjoyed. The guests presented Miss Banghart with a fountain pen, and she was also the recipient of two pretty girdles, a hat and various minor articles. A befitting luncheon of cake, iced melon, lemonade, jello and after-dinner mints was served. The spirit of good will manifested by her friends showed her popularity.

Miss Marcella Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Adams, of this city, has been secured to teach the 4th grade in the Superior street school. Miss Adams had signed a contract with the Flint school board for the ensuing year, but her release was secured when the Alma position became available.

MANY TUBERS IN MICHIGAN

Acreage is Nearly 400,000 and the Crop is in First Class Condition.

The Michigan Irish potato patch contains 364,000 acres this year and the total production will be approximately 37,000,000 bushels, according to estimates made by the United States Crop Reporting Board. The condition of the crop is 91 per cent. of normal and the price at the present time is averaging around 67 cents per bushel. Michigan is the leading Irish potato state of the Union.

In continental United States there are 3,708,000 acres planted to this product and this year's production is estimated at 360,614,000 bushels by the Federal Department of Agriculture. This year's crop will exceed the average crop of the past five years by approximately 4,000,000 bushels. The nation's product last year was 331,525,000 bushels, and was produced on 3,668,000 bushels, and was produced on \$297,903,000, or an average of 90 cents per bushel.

IN NEW BUILDING

Wholesale Grocery Stock Moved From Superior St. to Gratiot Ave.

James Redman has nearly completed his cement block building on Gratiot avenue, just back of Messinger's new clothing store and has already transferred his stock of goods from the building now occupied by M. Messinger to the new quarters. The building, which is now being used for wholesale and retail business, is 40 by 60 feet, two stories high with a spacious basement. It is of cement blocks, well built and well finished inside.

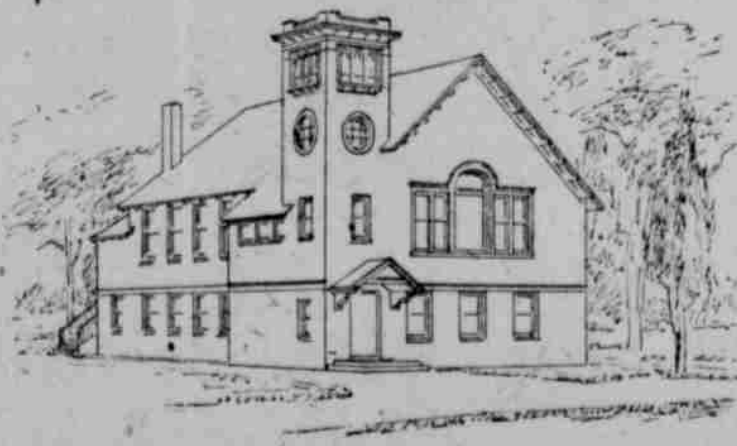
BRECKENRIDGE HAS NEW \$10,000 CHURCH

Methodist Episcopal Congregation Dedicated Their New Church Home Sunday—Special Services Being Held this Week.

In the presence of five hundred people with two hundred more unable to gain admittance, dedication services for the new \$10,000 First Methodist church of Breckenridge were commenced Sunday morning, September 6th, at 9:30 o'clock with one of the most beautiful services ever held in

services are being held this week, culminating in a evening of worship, Friday, when Rev. W. H. Irwin, of Clare will give the special address.

The dedication services of this week mark the climax of a most remarkable instance of religious activity. One year ago Rev. Orlow W. Carr began



Gratiot county, Rev. Arba Martin of Lansing, district superintendent of the Michigan Conference, delivered the sermon of the morning. At the close of the morning service a veritable rain of contributions poured in, \$2,700 being received. The original cost of the building was \$10,000 and only \$1,700 remains to be raised.

In the afternoon Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow of this city gave an address and in the evening Rev. Hugh Kennedy of Big Rapids. Both sessions were as well attended as the morning and enthusiasm ran high. Evening

his pastorate at Breckenridge and immediately he started the arduous task of arranging for a new church. That he did his task well and that he had the encouragement and help of his congregation is shown by the splendid results. Later in the fall Bethany township will dedicate one of the most beautiful rural churches in the county; a church for whose erection Rev. Carr is responsible. Gratiot churchmen are proud of the achievements of the Breckenridge and Bethany congregations and Rev. Carr.

CONSCIENCE QUICKENED. MONEY COMES BACK

To Messrs. Jotham Allen and George Sharrar—Writes Letter Asking for Forgiveness and Pleads for Those He Claims to Have Wronged

Jotham Allen and George Sharrar are both in receipt of conscience letters from a man in Priest Rapids, Washington. The letter which Mr. Allen received contained \$1.00, which the writer claimed he owed for some coal which he stole several years ago, and Mr. Sharrar was the recipient of only two red and one green postage stamps, each letter contained a pamphlet full of good advice to the receivers. Following is the letter written to Mr. Sharrar, the other being similar:

Priest Rapids, Wash.,
Dear Sir:
Please find enclosed five cents in

stamps. Years ago when I was a boy and lived in Alma, and you worked for B. S. Webb, in the drug store, I beat you out of five cents. I want to ask your forgiveness and tell you I have found a Christ which requires me to make all things right. I pray that you will find him as dear as I have yet, while you have a chance, if you have not already.

Yours with love,

Mr. Sharrar sent the letter to Mr. Webb, who is located at Dewitt, Mich. He is pleased to receive the money but doesn't know who to give credit for it.

LEASES NEW STORE BUILDING.

E. A. Smith has leased the building now occupied by A. Hunter, the tin-smith, and will transfer his candy store to the new location. Though his lease on the building which he now occupies will not expire for over two years, the change was forced because of his rapidly increasing business. Mr. Hunter expects to lease the south half of the building formerly used by Nelson Bros., and there will take care of his plumbing and tin-smithing. Mr. Smith will double his supply of tables and chairs for his ice cream parlors; and his new quarters will give him more room for his candy kitchen which his other building did not.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

De La Genesta, son-in-law of the local Vaudeville manager, E. H. Weise, leaves soon with his company for their winter tour. Genesta's company includes his wife, Mrs. F. M. Spencer, Mr. Ernest Watkins, and Mr. Spencer, who does the advance work in addition to himself and his stage assistant. They show first in Cadillac, Traverse City and Petoskey, then come back to Alma and put on in connection with the Vaudeville, a benefit show for the Masons during their fair. Genesta then will leave for Florida, showing enroute and remaining in the south until spring.

Workmen digging the sewer along Bridge Avenue from the bridge to Michigan avenue have been bothered a great deal by quick sand, which lies underneath the ground about eight feet. At times it has been dangerous to dig, but curbing has been built along the sides and the work is progressing faster now. The sewer will run about three hundred feet south of Michigan avenue to provide sewage for the houses along that street and the Libby, McNeil and Libby plant. Fifteen men are employed on the job.

The European war should prove an indirect aid to American industry and especially in the drug business. An example of the dependence which American druggists have been forced to place in European drug manufacture is seen in the price of saccharina, a tar by-product which has a very sweet taste. Its present price is \$1.00 per ounce. Three weeks ago the price was 20 cents an ounce. American thrift should profit with such an open market.

Wilbur Lane, former Republic left fielder, is in the city for a couple of weeks preparatory to going to Kalamazoo where he will finish his college course. Mr. Lane has made a reputation as pitcher in Merrill since the close of the Hub League season.

\$4,000 FOR 11 ACRES

Of Alma Suburban Property—Plat Submitted Rejected by Council.

D. C. Clarke, sales manager for the Louisville Real Estate and Development Co., Louisville, Ky., purchased the Cohoon farm, which adjoins the College campus on the west, last week, and with his engineer, Roy Goodwin, plotted the property. The land which comprises 11.64 acres, was purchased for \$4,000, which is a record price for suburban farm property in Gratiot county.

Fifty boy scouts, under the leadership of Charles Murphy, will go to Bass Lake next Friday afternoon to spend two days. The scouts will sleep in the Murphy and Johnson cottages. They expect to return Sunday evening.

COUNTIES WORTH LESS

State Board of Equalization Reduce 1911 Figures

GRATIOT RAISED \$6,100,000

Talk of Doing Away with State Board of Equalization

A Lansing dispatch dated September 4 noted a cut of \$20,000,000 in Houghton by the State Board of Equalization. From the figures of the state board which recently closed its sessions, some very interesting facts are observed by a comparison with the equalization of 1911, when the last session of the state board was held.

A comparison has already been made of the figures of the state board of equalization as compared with those submitted by the state tax commission. Naturally a person would be led to believe that all the counties of the state were raised over the figures of 1911, but such is not the case. True, 69 of the counties were raised over their equalized value of 1911, but 12 counties were lowered from the 1911 figure, while two remain the same. Alger county, the equalized value of which was placed at \$6,000,000 by the state board of equalization in 1911, remains the same, the board this year making no change. Crawford county equalized at \$3,000,000 in 1911, also remains the same.

Cheboygan county is lowered \$800,000 from the 1911 equalization figures, Dickinson the same amount, Emmet, \$1,100,000; Houghton, \$20,000,000; Kalamazoo, \$1,300,000; Marquette, \$2,000,000; Menominee, \$100,000; Newaygo, \$400,000; Osceola, \$300,000; Otsego, \$700,000; Roscommon, \$10,000, and Van Buren, \$100,000.

So much for the counties that were lowered. Now here are a few examples of those that were raised. Leading all, Wayne county was boosted \$207,000,000 over its 1911 figures and Kent is second with a \$48,200,000 raise. Saginaw follows with a \$17,000,000 increase.

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FAMILY REUNION

Held Saturday, September 5, at Residence of W. H. Root

Three events occasioned the joint family reunion of the Hardy and Sibley families, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Root, of this city, Saturday of last week. More than thirty members of the families were present, and also several guests. The day was celebrated Saturday for the twentieth time, being an annual affair and for the three reasons it was the 55th birthday of Mrs. L. J. Hoyt of North Wheeler, the 59th birthday of Mrs. W. H. Root and the 48th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Hoyt. The home was artistically decorated with astors, zenias and carnations, the dining table beautified by a large bouquet of astors and one of carnations. The triple celebration is always the one day of the year which is looked forward to by all members of the families. Those present from out of the city were Mrs. L. A. Hoyt of North Wheeler, Mrs. L. B. Bonaud of Breckenridge, Mrs. Henry Hoyt and daughter of Breckenridge, Mrs. Oscar Flowers of North Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hyde of Ithaca, Miss Glenna Brannon of Louis, Kansas, and her brother, Lester Brannon of Mecosta. Mrs. Adolphus Root and daughter of North Wheeler and Mrs. Emma Howlett of Grand Rapids. Several of the guests remained in Alma over